



Monday Morning Practice Pearls #41

What is the primary completion date (PCD) and the anticipated completion date (ACD)? Why are these dates important?

Background Information

[ClinicalTrials.gov](https://clinicaltrials.gov) is a registry and results database of publicly and privately supported clinical studies conducted around the world. It was launched in 2000. Study registration and result reporting is required for certain types of clinical trials per [Section 801 of the Food and Drug Administration Amendments Act \(FDAAA 801\)](#). The proposed NIH Policy will require that all clinical trials, even those who do not meet the FDAAA requirement, be registered with and have results reported in ClinicalTrials.gov.

Impact on the NIH Intramural Research Program (IRP)

The CC Office of Protocol Services (OPS) registers all the NIH IRP clinical trials to ClinicalTrials.gov. Much of the information required for registration is obtained from the IRB protocol application submitted via iRIS. However, the result reporting is done by the PI. For the CCR, Lisa King facilitates this process.

What determines when results are reported?

When a research protocol is registered with ClinicalTrials.gov, the primary completion date (PCD) and the anticipated completion date (ACD) are required information. The dates are determined based on accrual rate and protocol activities and are fluid (i.e., they will need to be updated during the study). Results reporting occurs 1 year after the PCD.

Term	Definition	Section in iRIS
Primary Completion Date (PCD)	Date that the final subject will be examined or an intervention received for the purposes of final collection of data for the primary outcome	13.7
Anticipated Completion Date (ACD) <i>Note: Also referred to as the study completion date</i>	Anticipated date that the protocol will complete data analysis	6.5

What is the responsibility of the Research Nurse related to the PCD and ACD?

- Know the dates submitted via iRIS for the PCD and ACD
 - Work with PI and protocol support office staff to determine/confirm the PCD and ACD as requested
- Inform your protocol support office if the dates need to be changed
- Remember that the dates are initially the best guesstimate and will need to be updated during the life of the protocol